over repairs to tanks and irrigation works;

(*b*) the percentage of income expected to accrue while levying the present water-rate over the total amount of expenditure excluding the ryots' contribution;

(*c*) the number of years fixed for collecting this water-rate;

(*d*) whether they have framed any rules for regulating the repairs to tanks and irrigation works, the collection of contribution and levying the water rate;

(*e*) if so, whether a copy of the said rules would be placed on the Table?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Contribution is leviable whenever the construction, restoration or improvement of any irrigation work in any local area is undertaken by Government. The contribution recoverable from ryots is determined in the light of various factors such as the cost of the work, area benefited, locality in which it is situated, whether it is a protective work or not, etc. It varies usually from Rs. 100 to Rs. 500 per acre. Contribution is not levied in respect of works which are in the nature of repairs, *viz.*, repairs to sluices, waste weirs and breaches to bund, etc.

(*b*) No specific percentage has been fixed. The objective generally is to see that a return of not less than 3 per cent is secured except in areas which require special consideration.

(*c*) Water rate is collected every year commencing from the year of supplying water to the lands. In the case of contribution, the amount is recovered ordinarily in ten equal annual instalments.

(*d*) Levy of contribution is governed by the provisions of the Irrigation Act as amended in 1952. Repairs to tanks and irrigation works are effected in accordance with the requirements and sanctioned estimates. No rules have been framed in this behalf.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Silk Growing Area.

Q.—647. Sri S. SIDDAPPA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent of silk growing area in the State;

(*b*) the total quantity of the silk produced;

(*c*) of it, the quantity exported;

(particulars for the last five years to be furnished);

(*d*) the proportionate quantity of silk produced in one acre of land in the State and also in other Provinces?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) The present area under mulberry in Mysore State for 1953-54 is as follows:—

1.	Rainfed	...	85,000 acres
2.	Irrigated	...	19,000 ,,
	Total	...	104,000 ,,

(*b*) The total quantity of silk produced in Mysore State for 1953-54 is as follows:—

1.	Filature Silk	...	106,434 lbs.
2.	Charka Silk	...	1,264,001 ,,
	Total	...	1,370,435 ,,

(*c*)	1949-50	...	678,550 lbs.
	1950-51	...	730,853 ,,
	1951-52	...	658,030 ,,
	1952-53	...	785,035 ,,
	1953-54	...	Information is being collected.

(*d*) The proportionate quantity of silk produced in one acre of land is 15 lbs. The figures relating to other provinces are being collected.